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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph 13 to read as follows:

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-- The Figure 1 shows luminous output of fluorescent lamps as a function of krypton background gas pressure. --

Please insert the following text immediately after Paragraph 0013:

-- Figure 2 shows schematically a prior-art gas discharge device.

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Figure 3 shows an electron emitter of the present invention comprising a cathode filament having a coating that comprises carbon nanotubes and alkaline-earth metal compounds. --